

EDGAR SNOWDEN.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7, 1877.

So it seems, after all, that Mr. Welsh, the newly appointed Minister to England, with all his opposition to slavery, did, really, become a slave owner in order to secure a debt. Mr. Welsh was a creditor to a Trinidad house. and accepted morigages on plantations stocked with slaves. The fact that he did so does not lessen him in our opinion, but it does afford another instance of the vast difference personal interests make in the appearance slavery presents to a Northern man. His denial of the truth of the assertion, when it was brought against him in the shape of a charge to prevent the confirmation of his appointment, must, however, lower him in the opinion of every right-thinking man.

Many of our exchanges are at fault and differ widely about the identity of Mr. Charles S. Taylor, of this city, whom Governor Holliday has appointed as his aid and private secretary. Some say he is a young lawyer, others that he is the son of the late Lawrence B. Taylor, and others again that he is anybody else but the gentleman he really is. To put them right we will inform them that Mr. Taylor's half sister is the Governor's mother; that he was formerly principal of Potomac Academy in this city; that though considerably older than the Governor, he is still a well preserved widower, and that, if the past affords any indication of the future, he will make a courteous and efficient officer.

The startling announcement made in the General Assembly, yesterday, concerning lately discovered frauds in the State's treasury, while it shows a highly commendable disregard of self interest on the part of Gen. Rogers, who is a candidate for re election, also shows that the business of the "basement" offices must be United States Marshal in Ripley county, Mo., mise unless sound guarantees be conceeded. conducted in a remarkable manner to allow such and been very active in ferreting out illicit stills frauds to be committed and permit them to re main undiscovered for so long a time.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, a concurrent resolution was introduced, declaring that all debts of the United States are payable at the option of the United States in silver dollars of 412½ grains each. The resolution re. questing the President to inform the Senate what legal impediment exists to prevent him from executing the laws in regard to the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its branches was

Of the large number of nominations sent in to the Senate, yesterday, most of them were renewals of those that were made, but not acted upon, previous to the expiration of the special session-which looks very much as if the President relies confidently upon the "unanimity" of the "third party" in the Senate for the confirmation of his appointments.

The Eastern War.

The Turkish division under Fuad Pasha is three hours' march from Tirnova.

A Russian official dispatch admits the capture of Elena, and says Prince Mirsky, being attacked by 20,000 to 30,000 Turks, was compelled, after a stubborn resistance and heavy loss, to fall back, first from Mahren to Elena, and then from Elena to a fortified position at Jakowitz, at the head of the mountain gorge. The Turks renewed the attack on Wednesday attack had ceased, and Russian reinforcements A Turkish division from Osman Bazar, under

Saleh Pasha, on Wednesday occupied Kesrova after some cannonading. Six battalions of Russians, fearing isolation, are retreating from there to Tirnova. Suleiman Pasha's headquarters are still at Elena. The snow around Erzeroum is three feet

deep. The Russians have posted a corps of observation on the Deve Boyun, and quartered the remainder of their troops in the adjacent

MANCHESTER, Dec. 7 .- A Pera dispatch to the Guardian states that the Russians are expected shortly to make a determined attempt to capture Batoum. Its fall is believed to be certain. Affairs in Bulgaria are going badly, despite the Russian cheeks in the Balkans. Should Pievna fall it is believed that the Porte will be unable to continue the war for any

Ex-Governor Walker.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 29, 1877. Colonel John II. Bryant, Richmond, Virginia: My Dear Sir, -In response to your kind note of the 27th instant, I beg to say that I still adhere to the conclusion expressed to you over one year ago: that I should not again be a candidate for Congress. Elected Governor at thirty-five, with the close of my present congressional term I shall have served my State and district ten of the best years of my life, to the neglect of my business interests and consequent loss of a reasonable competency. My private affairs, so long neglected, demand and must receive my attention. Ever grateful to you and other good friends who have almost a proportional actions. friends who have always unswervingly stood by and sustained me, I am very truly, your friend, G. C. WALKER.

The Richmond Dispatch, from which this is taken, says Governor Walker retires voluntaries ly—not from compuison; for he is a miraculous-ly popular man, and could probably def-at any aspirant in the district. We learn that he has been offered the control of a large business enterprise in Virginia.

National Trotting Association. HARTFORD, CT., Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the general board of appeals of the Na-

tional Trotting Association adjourned last evening, after a laborious session of three days. Edwin Thorne, of Millbrook, N. Y., was chosen first vice president of the association. Mr. Thorne was also appointed chairman of the Atlantic District Board. The docket at the meeting comprised sixty eight cases upon all of which action was taken.

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AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 7.—John C. Collins, versed. alias Harvey N. Thorpe, was hanged here this Custis morning for the murder of a fellow convict cuit Court of Culpeper County; reversed. named Howard, whom he struck over the head with a piece of iron while passing along one of the corridors of the prison. He died bravely, Alexandria; affirmed. with the cross in his hand. His neck was broken by the fall.

The Lakeside Publishing and Printing Company, of Chicago, has failed.

News of the Day.

The Treasury has just issued a call for the redemption of five-twenty bonds of 1865, consolv of 1865. The principal and accrued interat the Treasury of the United States, in the cularly M. Batbie, manifested a disinclination city of Washington, on and after the 6th day of to enter the Cabinet. M. Dufaure then ascer March, 1878, and the interest on said bonds will cease on that day: Coupon bonds, dated January 1st, 1865, namely: \$50, No. 44,001 to No. 50,000, both inclusive; \$100, No. 76,001 to 85,000, both inclusive; \$500. No. 57.001 to 60.000, both inclusive; \$1.000, No. 96.001 to 108,000, both inclusive. Registered bonds "redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after the 1st day of July, 1870") as fol lows: \$50, No. 1,601 to No. 1,750, both inclusive; \$100. No. 13,101 to No. 14 100, both inclusive; \$500. No. 8 301 to No. 8,700, both 10clusive: \$1 000, No. 27.401 to No. 28,750, both inclusive; \$5 000. No. 7,651 to No. 8,050, both icclusive; \$10,000, No. 13 551 to No. 14,850, both inclusive.

The Primary Episcopal Convention, now in ession in Charleston, West Virginia, to organize a new diocese and elect a bishop for West Virginia, yesterday, on the fifth ballot elected Rev. Dr. Jas. H. Eccleston, formerly of Maryland, but now of Christ Church, Newark, N. J., as bishop. He is a son of the late Judge Eccleston, a nephew of the late Archbishop E: eleston, of the Catholie Church, and a brother in law of Mr. S. M. Shoemaker, of Baltimore.

In accordance with the instructions issued to the New York police to arrest persons selling liquor without licenses a very large number of arrests was made last night, and the station houses in many precincis were crowded with the prisoners. Receipts from the excise com missioners were not regarded as excusing the violation of the law.

A fire broke out about midnight at Millers town, Butler county, Pa., and was still burning at the latest advices. Two blocks in the business part of the town had been destroyed, including the Bank House, a large hotel. At one o'clock this morning efforts were making to | Senate, told President MacMahon, on Wednes arrest its progress by tearing down buildings in its path.

The striking eigar makers of New York have tarted a co-operative factory, with two hundred hands at work, which they say will furnish work to five hundred hands within a week. Three other factories are to be started. They paraded five thousand strong in New York yesterday.

It is about a year ago that Miss Alice Oates, of comic opera troupe fame, obtained a divorce from her second husband, Henry L. Tyler, on the grounds of cruel treatment. Now Mrs. Elizabeth Laurent sues for divorce from her husband, Henry Laurent, on the ground that he is living with Mrs. Oates as her husband.

Gov. Erwin, of California, in his message, terms the Chinese question an irrepressible conflict, and says it is the plain duty of the federal government to secure the abrogation of the provision of the treaty permitting unrestricted Chinese immigration.

in that county, was waylaid when near Doni- principle of the Government by majorities has phan, in Ripley county, yesterday, and shot triumphed. in the head and mertally wounded.

In the Criminal Court at Washington, yesthe Ireasury Sawger and others, some weeks ago convicted of emspiracy to defraud the government, the motion for a new trial was granted.

The Illinois Central Railroad has made an arrangement with the New Orleans and Liverpool Steamship Line by which grain can be carried from Chicago to New Orleans at 40 cts. per hundred, and to Liverpool at 70 cents.

At Ponchatoula, Li., a school teacher uamod Varney was arrested and lodged in jail Wednesday night on a charge of drunkenness. The ail was set on fire and Varney was burned to death.

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of John B. Hawley, of Illinois, as Assistant Scoretary of the Treasury, in place of R. C. McCormick, resigned.

Greenbaum Bros. & Co., bankers of New York, have suspended.

Virginia News.

The Auditor of Public Accounts allows a credit of \$50 on the licenses of liquor dealers who have taken out their license under the old law. The liquor dealers will be allowed in settlement of the earnings of the register \$50, on account of licenses, and \$10 on each register.

The Board of Directors of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company have resolved to repair the damages to the canal from the morning, but according to the latest advices, late freshet, and to try to secure from the city which were to 5:30 Wednesday evening, the of Richmond and the State the aid necessary therete.

A colored preacher, named Kennedy, had a fight with one of his congregation, in Harrisonburg, last week, during which he struck his oppenent on the head with an axe, and out him severely.

the Corporation Court.

Louis Hill, alias Henry Williams, who outbeen convicted, on his third trial, and will be the Mexican press is peaceful. Lesters from

According to the receipts of the Moffett register in Manchester but six and three quarter gallons of liquor were sold by the measure there

Polk Oliver, charged with stabbing Officer James E. Stone, in Fredericksburg, has been

on the road from Front Royal to Winchester,

The receipts of the Moffett registers since they have been erected in Petersburg have been \$2,340.

has been sold to Robinson Keiser, of Ohio.

Rev. J. T. Wheat and wife, and their son, Leo Wheat and family, will spend the winter at Culpeper C. II. Mr. C. L. Williams, of Amherst county, has

killed 318 partridges so far this season, two of which were perfectly white. Mrs. Mary Elder, mother of John A. Elder, the Virginia artist, died at her residence, in

Fredericksburg, last Tuesday night. chester county, Md., to Lancaster county, in

this State, and others will follow shortly. Scott's bridge, across the Rappahannock, at Fredericksburg, washed away during the late

freshet, is to be rebuilt. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. and A. field's resignation of the Premiership, which M., will meet in Richmond next Monday.

died last week. COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA. - Taylor vs. Cleary and als.; from the Corporation Court

of the city of Norfolk; affirmed. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company vs. quis of Salisbury, now Secretary of State for Paine and als.; from the Circuit Court of the lodia, will succeed Lord Derby as Secretary of city of Richmond; reversed in part.

Dickinson's administrator vs. Helms and als.; from the Circuit Court of Franklin county; re-

Custis vs. Thompson and als.; from the Cir Alexandria Savings Institution vs. Thomas and als.; from the Corporation Court of the city

Chrishman's administratrix vs. Harman and als.; from the Circuit Court of Frederick county; affirmed.

Lindsey vs. Corkery and als.; further argued by John Hunter, csq., for the appellees.

Letter from Richmond.

President MacMahon at the first interview with M. Dufaure seemed inclined to form a Cabinet from the Left and Right Centres. Members of the Right Centre, however, pare tained from Duke d'Audiffret Pasquier that a Cabinet taken wholly from the Left Centre would have the support of the Constitutional and Orleanist Senators, and consequently could command a majority of the Senators, and prob ably also of the Chamber of Deputies. M. Dafaure upon representing this to President Mac-Mahon, was entrusted by bim with the task of forming a Left Centre Cabinet. It now only remains for M. Dafaure to come to an understanding with the majority of the Chamber, The Managing Committee of the Left have expressed a desire to confer with him. The French Ministry tendered their resigna-

tions at yesterday morning's council, and Pres dent MacMahon accepted them.

The following are the conditions on which M Dufaure agreed to attempt to form a Cabinet That the Ministry shall have entire liberty a to all official appointments; that the Marshall shall agree to bills restricting the power to de clare a state of siege and modifying press re strictions, and shall send a message to the Chamber guaranteeing it against capricious dissolution.

"The Marshal accepted these conditions with much difficulty, at first declaring he would resign. He still desires to have the choice of the Ministers of Marine, War and Foreign

Affairs. "M. Dufaure made no engagement on thi point, and it is considered unacceptable. "The Ministry will probably not be definitely

formed for two days.' LONDON, Dec. 7 .- A Paris dispatch to the Times says :- President MacMahon's submis sion is due to the firm course of the Orleanis Senators who resolved not to support a see me dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies. Duke d'Audiffret Pasquier, President of the day, that he would himself leave the president's chair and take the tribune against such a pro-

Paris, Dec. 7 .- It is believed that the new Ministry will include M. Leon Say, as Minister of Finance; M. De Marcere, as Minister of the Interior; M. Christople, as Minister of Public Works; M. Teisserence Deborf, as Minister of Commerce; M. Waddington, as Minister of Public Instruction, and M. Bardoux, as Minister of Justice. M. Leon Say is designated as the probable

president of the council, but other reports state that M. Dufaure will accept the presidency without a portfolio. The Dix Meivieme Sicele expresses full con-

fidence in M. Defaure and the Ministers he may select, but demands guarantees against a renewal of the tactics of the 16th of May. The Republique Francaise also insists upon the necessity of guarantees.

The republican papers generally express dis trust of President MacMahon, and doubt re John Cochran, who has acted as Deputy specting the efficiency of the projected compro The Constitutional and Soleii rejoice that the

Paris, Nov. 7-11.35 a. m .- President Mac-Mahon has finally conceded to M. Dufaure full terday, in the case of ex Assistant Secretary of liberty of action in forming a Cabinet. The new ministry will therefore be homogenous in character, and will, it is expected, be constitut ed to morrow.

[Note-This excludes President MacMahan' reservation that he might have the choice of the ministers of war, marine and foreign af-

Miscellaneous Foreign News. The young American painter, Henry Leland,

was accidentally killed to Parie, yesterday, while playing with a pistol which he thought was not loaded. The Pope was better yesterday. He left his

A telegram from Madrid announces that the Council of Ministers has approved the intended marriage of the King with the Princess Mer-

cedes. The case of the Countess Lambertini, claim ing to inherit as daughter of the late Cardina Gen. Huger is dangerously ill in Charleston. | Antonelli, came before the court, in Rome, yesterday. The hearing was adjourned until Christmas. A correspondent remarks that the judgment will certainly be against the plaintiff, unless she can produce her mother in court. This her counsel has engaged to do if it is absolutely

necessary. Intelligence from Mexico is to the effect that President Lerdo has written letters stating that t is his intention to withdraw all pretensions to the Mexican Presidency. He intends to retire to France, desires that his name shall no longer be used for political purposes, and recommends General Escobedo to the suffrages of his friends. These professions are not believed in by many of his political supporters. Vacious bodies of troops are marching towards the frontier. The Rosecrans Railroad concession is supported by a majority of both houses of Congress. It is believed the Rosecrans Company has on deposit \$10,000,000, and that Tem Scott is a leading The Lynchburg Virginian says some of the spirit of the Company, which, it is said, has liquor dealers of that city will have to relate three millions ready to commence operations. their experience with the Moffett registers to The Company agrees to deposit \$300 000 as security with the Mexican government, and to build 150 kilometres of the road before receiv raged a white girl in Isle of Wight county, has ing any Government subvention. The spirit of Guerrero and Michoacan state that General Alvarez has issued a propunciamento in favor of Lerdo. He has six thousand soldiers, and the movement is considered important, as it shows a change of opinion among the more southern Provinces of Mexico, which until now were considered safe for Diaz. Generals Urrea and Jesus Belanzas are in Tueson in favor of he Lerdo party, and are ready to operate on The farm, formerly owned by Alfred Perkins, | Sonora and Sinaloa. The prevailing opinion is that active operations will take place very soon, and the friends of Lerdo there seem very confident of success.

At St. John, New Brunswick, a house in ourse of construction fell, and eight men are supposed to be buried in the ruies.

A large English steamer is reported wrecked off Ushant, on the coast of Brittany, which, it is feared, may have been the steamer City of Berlin. The City of Berlin left New York with fifty two cabin and one hundred and twenty steerage passengers.

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- The steamer reported wrecked off the Island of Ushant off the coast of Brittany, France, is the European, of the Several families have emigrated from Dor- Union Steamship Company from the Cape of hester county, VId., to Lancaster county, in Good Hope for Plymouth and Southampton. Few, if any, lives were lost. A Brest dispatch says the European ran on a rock in a for. The passengers took to the boats and the steamer sank ten minutes afterward.

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- Rumors of Earl Beaconwere authoritatively contradicted a fortnight T. E. Gold, an aged farmer of Clarke county, since, are again circulating. The London correspondent of the Edinburgh Scotsman, says: It is confidently anticipated in well informed quarters that Earl Beaconstield will retire before Parliament assembles; that Lord Derby will succeed to the Premiership, and that the Mar-State for the Foreign Department. However speculative the rumors now current may be, there is no doubt of Earl Beaconsfield's early retirement.

London, Dec. 7.-The Financier says:-The premium for reinsurances on the overdue steamer City of Berlin was advanced vesterday to 20 guineas. The Post says the rate was from 30 to 35 guineas.

The Masonic Lodge at Maysville, Kentucky, has been declared "clandestine" in consequence of the non-payment of the tax imposed by the Grand Lodge of the State.

The Limbless Gentlemen of the House of Law -Colonel Crittenden—The Question of the Leadership of the House-General Joseph E. Johnson—A Breach of Promise Case—A Startling Discovery—The State Debt In

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, VA., Dec 6.-The House, as now organiz d, has (leaving out the Speaker) five legs and four arms. Gen. Hill, the ser geant at arms, has but one arm; Mr. Cottrell, the doorkeeper, has but one arm, and Suilivae, the second doorkeeper, has two arms and only one leg. These limbless geatlemen of the House of Law cao, however, get over a great deat of time and space.

Col. C. T. Unitienden, the late popular door k epet did not run for the position this time. He lett Richmond last night, leaving behind many werm friends, who will wish him wel wherever he may go. I learn that he expects to make a business arrangement with one el our express companies. They could certainly not get a better officer and one more capable of making friends.

While the vote for the Speakership between Hanger and Allen may be looked upon as some indication of the strength of the two parties in the House-readjusters and debt-payers-it will not do to count positively by this sign. It is true that ail the readjusters voted for Allen, but some members who are not readjusters voted for Allen on different grounds. It was not the question of readjustment, but of the leadership of the House that had much to do with this vote; it was not the question of the popularity of Hanger or Aden; it was not a close drawn fight between two popular men, but the struggle for leadership in the House between James Barbour and R. A. Cogill. Is was not so much a change of then as a change of leaders. It indicates very plainly that Jas. Barbour, of Culpeper, is to be the leader in the House this session, and that he and Mr. Cogill will be found antagonists on every question. Mr. Hunter, of your city, I learn, voted for Allen on this ground, as did Messes. Farr and Shumate.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnson was in the House to-day, and spent some time with the mem ers, many of whom were once under him. The colored members of the House and Sen-

ate are very quiet on the readjustment question, and will not give any indication as to how they intend to vote. Although the candidates have not come out.

it is thought that most of the State officers will have opposition. They are, of course, quietly preparing for the fight. Richmond has a breach of promise case, the

first, I believe, since the war-Miss Lizzie Pauline Ruble vs. Ferdinand Newrath. The deabout 22, and is quite pretty, states that New rath, who is about 55, a widower and rich. promised to marry her after winning her affeetions. She sets her damage at \$2,500. Judge Hughes left the city to night for

Washington. this morning by the reading of the following penditures, \$1,996; cish in hand \$1,453; liacommunication. At its conclusion Mr. Henry, of this city, moved that a committee of three members of the Senate and six members of the House be appointed to investigate the matter. The resolution was adopted, and the Speaker will no doubt make the appointment of the committee to day:

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, ? RICHMOND, December 5, 1877. To the Honorable the General Assembly of

In the course of an examination of the records and papers of this office for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the funding done under the Funding act of March 30th, 1871, and when necessary comparing them with those of he Treasurer's office, it was ascertained recently that a considerable number of old coupon onds, which were sent from this office to that I the Treasurer in the years running from 1858 to 1862, for conversion into registered bonds, under the act of March 18th, 1856 and thus exchanged there, have been brought into this office since the passage of the Funding act and funded under that act.

They were presented here for funding clean and free from any mark of cancellation, though by the act authorizing the exchange the Treasurer was required to caused such surrendered coupon bonds, in a prescribed form, in the presence of the Second Auditor, and to file and keep them in his office. Second. Several coopen bonds issued under

the act of 24 March, 1866, and sent into the office of the Treasurer, and exchanged there for other bonds, appear also to have been taken from that office, presented here and funded having no mark upon them to indicate their Third. Moreover, a number of coupon bonds,

which sings the passage of the Funding act, ou this office into the Treasurer's funded, and for which new bonds d, have since been presented in this the , and finded again. These bonds, after having been once funded, were brought here a a cond time for funding, and were also clean, and free from any mark of can ellation upon them, though the act of March, 30, 1871, nuder which they were previously funded, required that the Treasurer should cancel and file and keep all such boads in his office. It is proper to remark here, that in respect

to these last mentioned bonds, as passing from my effice to that of the Treasurer to be funded, there appears to have been an omission of duty on the part of the funding clerk in my office, in failing to endorse a statement or mark of "funded" on such bonds.

The ageregate amount of bondsthus improperly refunded appears to be about thirty five thousand dollars, which, funded at two thirds of their face value, is some twenty three thousand do'lars, in new consol and 'peeler bonds (be sides West Virginia conificates) and increasing the public debt by so much. There are circumstances connected with these

transactions which plainly show that the bonds referred to were abstracted from the Treasurer's office and refunded by one or more parties quite familiar with the business and records of both offices, and for a fraudulent purpose. These transactions all appear to have occurred

before the present Treasurer came into effice, to add an exhibition of beautiful women to the except some five thousand dollars, brought in other exhibits of the gathering. The Spanish and funded since that period, though doubtless, abstracted like the others, previously.

leave to say :- There was no reason to suspect without delay. An appeal is to be addressed that any bonds, once funded or exchanged, could to all the pretty women of the world to come be abstracted and funded again.

the examination of the books and papers for "honorable mentions. The jury is to be comthe purpose of proving the accuracy of the work | posed of two delegates for each nation, one done, they were diligently engaged in that male and one female. The admissions are to The funding of forty million dollars of stock, graphs of each candidate; one full face and the with the transfer and conversion of half as much

more, was a work of great magnitude. That errors would occur was to be expected. They did occur, but were generally elerical errors, and by a comparison with the Treasurer's

office nearly all have been corrected. When my attention was first called to the discovery made in relation to a portion of the bonds in question it was my purpose at ouce to report to the Governor the facts as they appeared to exist. But on reflection and consultation it | ted their beautiful selves to this show. The

reduced.

the matter referred to, as may be judged proper. Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

ASA ROGERS, Second Auditor. The report of the commissioners appointed at the last session of the Legislature to investi- ties, recipients of the other prizes. gate the contract made by the Board of Public Works in 1867 with General Bradley T. John son and Messrs, Neitson and John P. Poe, of Baltimore, to collect the claim of the State against the State of Maryland in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canai matter, was submitted to the General Assembly to day by Governor Kemper. The commissioners in their report say that the amount collected by these attorneys on behalf of the State was \$300,000, on which they were to receive a commission of 20 per cent. for prosessional services. They turned over to the State Treasury \$82,000, leaving a valuece due in the opinion of the commissioners, of about \$165,000 from Mes-rs. Johnson, John P. and Neilson Poe. The Attorney General, under instructions of the Governor, to day institrated suit in the Richmond City Circuit Cour agnost the attorneys to compel a settlement with the State and the return of the large bal are: claimed to be due her from them. The suit in which this money was recovered by the Messrs. Poe and Gen. Johnson on behalf of Virginia was decided by the Court of Appeals of Maryland in 1871.

The clerk of the Schate has made the followog appointmens: -J. D. Pendleton, first as istant clerk; John F. Hix, second assistant derk; Geo. W. Williams, J. M. Davis, W. D. Whitted, John J. Campbell, and James D. flunter, committee clerks.

Mr. Begger, Clerk of the House, has apointed the following clerks : - David A. Carter, S. Bassett French, William F. Rose, Monroe Kelly, R. A. Ayres, and J. H. Wartman. STRONGBOW.

Grand Lodge of Good Templars. Annual Session-Growth of Order-Visit the Blind Asylum-Public Meetings.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette The Grand Lodge of Virginia should have commenced its annual session at Staunton on Wednesday morning, Nov. 28. Notwithstanding the opposition of what some would call the Good Templar's favorite element, representatives from all sections of the State reached the fair city of the hills by Wednesday night, when they found a polite committee of reception

ready to conduct them to hospitable homes. The Lodge was called to order by G. W Chief Templar, Dr. Caristian, of Middlesex, at 7 p. m. One hundred and seventy five persons were found to be entitled to seats as rep resentatives or past officers. From the reports of the officers, attaonest which that of the Secretary, was very complete and exhaustive, the following facts appeared. Five years ago fendant is a large wholesale candy manufac- when the Grand Lodge last met in Staunton it turer and a German. The young lady, who is represented 500 members and 14 lodges. Now there were in the State over 6,500 members and 156 ledges. Then the order existed only in nine counties, now it is found in 43. The increase in membership over last year is 755 and in lodges 46.

The financial exhibit showed a healthy pe-No little excitement was created in the House | caniary condition. Total receipts \$3,450; exluies \$6; net value of assets, \$1,867

During the year the Chief Templar had travelled 1,500 miles, addressed from 35 to 40 publie assemblies, and initiated several hundred

The reports of State Lecturer McCandlish and District Deputy Stokes also showed coniderable activity in the missionary field.

The Lodge was busily engaged in the morning, afternoon and night sessions, but much of the business was not of the kind to interest the general public. It was decided to petition Congress to appoint a national commission of enquiry upon the liquor question. The beneficiary l'ature was recommended but no final action taken. Certain changes in the Grand Lodge by laws were made. It should not be forgotten that the order is essentially a missionary organization, ever seeking to extend its borders and strengthen the points already gained.

A pleasing feature in the proceedings of Friday was the visit to the Asylum for the Blind and Mate in response to an invitation from Prot. A. J. Turner, a member of the order. The numerous divisions of the school were cu riously inspected by the visitors. Each mute is placed at a blackboard and replies to the questions asked by signs with a readiness and intelligence truly remarkable. The instrumental and vocal coreert by the blind was very enjoyable. Miss Lillie White, of Fredericksburg, sang some ballads most sweetly, and the instrumental performances showed a high degree of musical culture. At the close Grand Chap lain Rev. W. W. Wood offered a touching prayer for the inmates, and many eyes were suffused with tears. The institution is a credit

On Thursday night an audience of several hundred people assembled in the new Grange Hall, which is said to be one of the largest and finest in the State, and were addressed by Messrs. McCandlish, Christian and Stokes .-J. Rice Smith, e.q., of Berryville, who, by the by, is one of the most popular men in the order, presided. The speech of Mr. Candlish was an able presentation of the claims of the order on all good cit zons and Unristians. Dr. Christian draw a vivid comparison between the order five years ago and new.

On Friday evening Mr. T. N. Ramsay, formerly of North Carolina; Maj. Stubbs, a member of the bar in Gloucester county, and Rev. W. W. Wood, of the Baptist Church, delivered eloquent speeches in Dr. Manly's Church .-Maj. Stubles' meck betrayal of Good Templar signs and pass worl was irresistibly ludierous.

The everage of intelligence in the Grand Lodge was high. The professional classes were well represented. Of these who took a prominent part in the proceedings more than one third were members of the legal or medical professions. The ministers were also well represented upon the floor. The number of State lecturers was enlarged to five, all of whom are to work under the direction of the G. W. Chief Templar. We will give the result of the elec-

Beautiful Women. A dispatch from Paris says : - The Spaniards

are understood to have memorialized M Krantz, Commissary General of next year's exhibition, Minister of Public Works is said to be warmly in favor of the ides; and intending exhibitors In explanation of the delay on my part, in are requested by the Spanish newspapers to making and reporting these discoveries, I beg send in photographs as candidates for admission forward and show themselves to an admiring When the necessary clerical force in my office | universe. There to be 61 grand prizes, 31 sec could be applied, after their current duties, to ond prizes in silver, 100 accessits, and 200 be decided on the examination of two photoother in profile. Photographs of the gainers of the 61 "grand prizes of beauty" are to be exhi-bited in a "saloon of honor" during twelve days, after which, in company with the "second pr zes," the "second bests" and the "honora ble mentions," they will be coshrined in a beautiful album, ad hoe, a copy of this album, superbly bound and got up, will then be presented by the exhibition authorities to each of the sovereigns whose lady lieges have contribuwas thought best to pursue the examination un- same collection of photographs, but less splentil a more certain result could be reached. This didly got up, will be subsequently offered for has been done, and though not concluded, it is sale to the public in general. To crown the hoped that the aggregate mentioned may be whole, there is to be added to the prizes, &z., just mentioned, a supreme "prize of honor,"

ed to make a triumphal appearance in Paris itself, seated in a chariot simulating a throne, drawn by six magnificent Andalusian horses of the finest breed, and followed by the other beau-

From Washington. SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7. The Senate met at noon, and, after prayer

and the reading of the Journal, A petition was presented from citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of the Silver

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of sundry citizens of New York, developing a new fi On motion of Mr. Windom it was agreed that when the Senate adjourn to day it be until

Monday next. The bill of the House for the relief of the Huron sufferers and the families of those who were lost in her wreck was reported back from the Committee on Appropriations, and tempor

arily laid aside. The following, among other bills, were re parted and passed :--Bill for the relief of persons residing on lines

of railroads, which have ceased to exist. Bill for the construction of a custom house at Nashville, out of Tennessee marble. A resolution requesting the President to for-

ward to the Senate ansecount of the expenses of the late Siouxwar, which was agreed to. Mr. Edmunds called up his resolution re questing the Attorney General to communicate to the Senate the facts ascertained relative to the election riots in South Carolina, which was

agreed to. The bill for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the Huron was taken up and passed. A bill for the relief to the administrator of W. A. Lloyd, of Washington, D. C., by pay

ing \$6,000 due by the United States. Mr. Mitchell called up a bill changing certain railroad land grants and spoke at length on the land policy of the companies. Helshowed that since the first grant to the Illinois Central, 187,785,880 acres of public lands had been grandted to railroads, the proceeds of which had been to a considerable extent squaedered. The Senate agreed to the House resolution

or the adjournment of Congress from Decom ber 15 to January 10. At the close of Mr. Mitchell's speech the Senate adjoured.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. In the House, to day, Mr. Stephens introduced a bill to amend the

Texas Pacific railroad acc. Mr. Cox introduced a bill to reorganize the ile-saving service. A bill to allow additional clerks in the Surgeon General's office was referred.

A bill to regulate Chinese immigration was introduced and referred. Mr. Pridemore, from Virginia, introduced a hill for the improvement of New river, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce. Mr. Clymer introduced a resolution looking to the greater security of the records and files

of the House from fire, which was adopted. Mr. Wood, of N. Y., from the Committee on Ways and Means, offered a joint resolution for an adjournment of Congress from Saturday. the 15th of December, to Monday, January 7th, 1878.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., said that as the 5th of January was a well known democratic holiday he hoped the adjournment would be continue to

Mr. Wood said that if Mr. Butler would follow all democratic precedents he would concur. Mr. Garfield of jetted to so long a recess. Mr. Wood said that he would accept the

suggestion of Mr. Butler and make the time for reassembling the 9th. Mr. Butler then further moved to amend by

making it the 10th. The vote on the list amendment resulted: Ayes 130, noes 80; so the amendment was agreed to, and the original resolution, as amended, was then adopted, the ayes and noes being refused, only 17 members rising. The committees were then called for bills of

a private character, and several bills of such character were reported and acted upon-none of general interest or affecting Virginians. Most of the bills were referred to the private Bills for the removal of the political disabili

its of W. A. Cornwell, of Qu., late a surgeon in the U. S. Navy, and W. E. Evans, of La., were passed. The call of the committees having been completed the States were called for private bills

for reference, and a number were introducednone from Virginia, after which A bill to facilitate the resumption of specie payment was introduced and referred. The House then went into committee of the

whole on the private calendar. A bill for the relief of W. II. Newman and L. A. VanHoffman, for the use and occupation during the war of the Pioneer Mills at Alexandria, Virginia, was presented but objected to by Mr. Butler, of Massa chusetts, and went over. The claim is for rent of the mills property and wharf at a rate of \$2,000 per annum. The whole sum claimed

being \$18,430 60.

WOMEN LAWYERS. Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood appeared before he House Committee on the judiciary this morning and made a long argument in favor of a law recognizing the right of women lawyers to

appear before the courts of the United States. REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. The republican Senators met in caucus this morning and considered the charges against Sergeant-at-Arms French, and the further consideration of the charges was adjourned until Monday. The caucus agreed to a recess of the

denate to commence on the 15th inst. MISCELLANEOUS. Cocsul Beauchamp, now at Cologne, is named

for the Be gian mission. The wife of Gov. Walker is very ill in this city, causing the detention of the Governor from ris scat in the House.

Mr. Albert Lamar, of Georgia, has been ap-pointed tally clerk of the House in place of French removed, and to-day entered upon the discharge of his duties. The House adopted a resolution for a rucess from the 15th of December—till the 10th of

A marriage license has been granted to Washington to Robert W. Self and Roberta

Beal, both of Westmoreland county, Va. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DEC'R. 1.

Sun rises...... 7 3 | Moon sets...... 7 9 Sun sots...... 4 41 | High water...... 0 00 ARRIVED. Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to FA Reed. Str J W Thompson, Leonardtown, to FA Reed.

Str Mattano, Nomini, to J Broders & Co. Schr Julia A Ward, Washington, to American Coal Co. Schr lease Orbeton, Georgetown, to Wm A

Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Reed. Str Express, Baltimore, by J Broders & Co. Schr Enos B Phillips, Boston, by American

Coal Co. Scar Robert Haley, Petersburg, by J P Agnew & Co. PASSED DOWN. Schr Royal Arch, Washington for Baltimore.

MEMORANDA.

Schr H G Ely cleared from Philadelphia for this port 5th. Schr Eugie, hence at Richmond 6th irst.

MARKIED.

In Paris, Ky., on the 4.h inst, at the residence Under these circumstances, I feel it my duty to be adjudged to the most beautiful of the to address this communication directly to your benefits beauties; the fair creature who has benefits below and respectfully to invite such obtained this "supreme" award is to be prohonorable body, and respectfully to invite such obtained this "supreme" award is to be pro- byterian church, to Miss R. KEITH SPEARS, action, in the nature of an investigation into claimed "Queen of Beauty," and is to be invit- youngest daughter of the late Abram Spears.